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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 11 of page 1 as follows.

The following patent and utility model publications disclose typical console boxes.

Japanese Laid-Open Utility Model Publication No. 5-95349 discloses ~~an-eenselea~~ console box with an armrest that also functions as a lid. The armrest is attached to a box main body with a four-bar linkage to cover the upper opening. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-103289 and No. 2000-159026 disclose console boxes each having an armrest that also functions as a lid. The armrest is slidably attached to a box main body with a pair of guide rails to cover the upper opening.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 23 of page 4 as follows.

Fig. 9 is a perspective view illustrating the console box shown in Fig. 7, in which the armrest is at a-upright upright position;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 21 of page 12 as follows.

(4) The armrest 20 functions as a lid to open and close the upper opening of the storage chamber 14 of the box main body 12. The auxiliary guide grooves 28 for moving the armrest 20 to the retreat position P4 branch from the guide grooves 17. When the armrest 20 is moved rearward and the engaging pins 22 are guided into the auxiliary guide grooves 28, the armrest 20 is moved from a position above the ~~accommadation position~~ storage chamber 14 to the retreat position P4 and is held upright. Accordingly, the upper opening of the storage chamber 14 is

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widely opened. Therefore, the armrest 20 is easily and stably moved. Also, when the armrest 20 is at the retreat position P4, articles are easily put in or taken out of the storage chamber 14.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 4 of page 13 as follows.

Figs. 7 to 9 illustrate a console box 11 according to the second embodiment. The console box 11 of the second embodiment has a pivot arm 31 at the rear end. The pivot arm 31 is supported with a support shaft 32 to be pivotable between a horizontal position P5 shown in Fig. 7 and an upright position P6 shown in Fig. 9. ~~A sidewall-Sidewalls~~ 13 protrude from the pivot arm 31. A guide groove 17 is formed in the inner surface of each sidewall 13. Each guide groove 17 is inclined to ascend forward. First and second positioning recesses 18, 19 are formed in the bottom of each guide groove 17. The first positioning recess 18 is located at the front end of the inclined section 17a, and the second positioning recess 19 is located in a center section of the inclined section 17a.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 19 of page 13 as follows.

An armrest 20 is held between the sidewalls 13 of the pivot arm 31. The armrest 20 is provided with fixed pins 21 and retractable pins 22, which are similar to those in the first embodiment. The engaging pins 21, 22 are engaged with the guide grooves 17 so that the armrest 20 is moved forward and rearward. In the second embodiment, a lid 33 is pivotally provided over ~~an storage~~ a storage chamber 14 of a box main body 12. When the pivot arm 31 is at the horizontal position P5, the armrest 20 is located above the storage chamber 14. Therefore, the armrest 20 of the second embodiment does not function as a lid.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 11 of page 14 as follows.

(5) The pivot arm 31 having the sidewalls 13 is pivotally supported by the box main body 12. The armrest 20 is movably supported by the sidewalls 13. When the pivot arm 31 is pivoted to the horizontal position P5, the armrest 20 is above the storage chamber 14 of the box main body 12. If the pivot arm 31 is pivoted to the upright position P6 after the armrest 20 is moved rearward, the armrest 20 is moved away from the position above the ~~accommodation position storage chamber~~ 14. Therefore, when the pivot arm 31 is at the horizontal position P5, the armrest 20 can be used for the original purpose. When the pivot arm 31 is at the upright position P6, the armrest 20 does not hinder articles from being put in or taken out of the storage chamber 14.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 9 of page 15 as follows.

~~An socket~~ A socket 35 is formed in a center section of each side of the armrest 20. An arm member 36 is pivotally connected to the socket 35 with a shaft 37. An engaging pin 21 protrudes from the outer side of a distal section of each arm member 36. An engaging projection 38 protrudes from the circumference of the distal section of each arm member 36. A pair of engaging recesses 39, 40, is formed in the inner circumference of the socket 35. The engaging projection 38 and engaging recesses 39, 40 function as positioning mechanism. The engaging projections 38 are elastically engaged with the engaging recesses 39 or the engaging recesses 40, so that the arm members 36 are in a retracted positions in the sockets 35 or in upright positions where the arm members 36 project downward from the socket 35. In other words, the engaging projections 38 are engaged with the engaging recesses 39 or the engaging recesses 40, so that the

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arm members 36 are at a positions where the distance between the armrest 20 and the engaging pin 21 is substantially maximum or a positions where the distance between the armrest 20 and the engaging pin 21 is substantially maximum. Accordingly, the arm members 36 is positioned~~are positioned~~ at a first pivot position P9 along the sides of the armrest 20 and a second pivot position P10 where the arm members 36 project from the armrest 20.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 33 of page 16 as follows.

Therefore, no branches need to ~~added to~~add to the guide grooves 17. Thus, the size of the console box 11 is decreased without reducing the accommodation space of the storage chamber 14 of the box main body 12. The armrest 20 is held upright by pivoting the arm members 36 to the second positions P10. This permits articles to be easily taken out of or put in the ~~accommodation position~~storage chamber 14.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 11 of page 26 as follows.

In the eighth embodiment, as shown in Fig. 27, a handle 80 is provided at the upper rear end of the armrest 20. ~~When the~~The handle 80 is used when moving the armrest 20 rearward.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 15 of page 26 as follows.

As shown in Figs. 28, 29(a), and 30, the sidewalls 13 have a double structure, and each have an inner wall 13a. A guide portion, or a guide groove 81, is formed in each inner wall 13a. The guide groove 81 ~~extend~~extends in the moving direction of the vehicle.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 7 of page 31 as follows.

In the fourth embodiment, the armrest 20 may be constructed to ~~move between~~  
between two positions, that is, between a closing position for closing the upper opening of the storage chamber 14, and an opening for opening the upper opening of the storage chamber 14. In this case, when the armrest 20 is moved from the opening position to the closing position, the shutter 46 closes a part of the upper opening of the storage chamber 14.